

A Timeline of the Administrative History of CVMT

(NOTE: The timeline is an online record which details events spanning from the California Valley Miwok Tribe's inception to the present day. It is an ongoing project that will be updated as time allows, as the summaries are compiled from literally thousands of printed documents which are hand-reviewed.)

1997 May 24 -

Through part-time jobs, Financial Aid, Scholarships and hard work, Silvia Burley earns her AA (Associates Degree) in General Education from D Q University, Davis, CA – While attending college she received numerous awards and graduated with honor including the American Indian Student of the Year for the state of California awarded by the American Indian Higher Education Consortium - AIHEC Outstanding Student of the Year 1996-1997 – Graduated with 4.0

1998 August 5 -

The foundation of the tribal organization is initiated through Yakima Dixie, Silvia Burley, Rashel Reznor, Anjelica Paulk and Tristian Wallace as federally recognized members of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria of MeWuk Indians.

1998 September 8 -

Tribe accepts reprogramming of TPA into Consolidated Tribal Government Program.

1998 September 24 -

Tribe elects Yakima Dixie, Chairperson and Silvia Burley is elected Secretary Treasurer

1998 October 21 -

FY 99 – CSF Moratorium - Moratorium for FY 1999 on new and/or expanded contracts / compacts stayed... exception to moratorium for education construction. The CCA/BIA informed the Tribe that this moratorium put a freeze on the Tribe's expected funding. The Bureau said that they didn't know how long the moratorium would be in effect. With the moratorium in effect Silvia had sent in a completed application to the BIA for Higher Education Assistance, with no funding made available to her when classes began, Silvia decided to go forward with her education without federal funding. She lived at the Salvation Army and went to college until she could save up enough money to rent an apartment. Her dream was to get her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology but upon discussions within the Tribe and the assessment of the Tribe true needs, she changed her major to Tribal Administration so she would have a better understanding of Indian Affairs.

1999 April 14 -

Mr. Dixie contacts Tribe and informs them that he intends to resign as Chairperson. A General Council Special Meeting is scheduled for April 20, 1999

1999 April 20 -

General Council Special Meeting, Tribe accepts Yakima Dixie's resignation as Chairperson. The General Council votes to hold an Election of Officers on May 8, 1999 included on the agenda is the

adoption and ratification of the Tribal Constitution. The General Council voted in favor of appointing Silvia Burley, Interim Chairperson to assume the position and duties of the Chairperson of the Tribe until the elections of Officers on May 8, 1999. Mr. Dan Gargan (assistant to Mary Wynne, Attorney at Law) will be present on May 8, 1999 to conduct the Official Election to be held at Mr. Dixie's residence.

1999 May 8 -

GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS:

Elected Chairperson: Silvia Burley

Elected Vice-Chairperson: Yakima Dixie

Elected Secretary-Treasurer: Rashel Reznor

All elected officials were elected with an unanimous vote

ADOPTION AND RATIFICATION OF TRIBAL CONSTITUTION:

RESULTS: Tribal Council voted in favor.

1999 June 25 -

Tribe received a letter from that Bureau of Indian Affairs/Central California Agency recognizing Silvia Burley as Chairperson

1999 July 10 -

Duly called General Council Special Meeting where as the General Council voted in favor of adopting resolution TC 99-006 – The General Council Governing Body of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria authorizes the Chairperson to submit the P.L. 93-638 Contract. CCA/BIA Representative Brian Golding, Tribal Operations Specialist attended this meeting of which he gave technical assistance regarding the constitution. Silvia Burley was present as the Chairperson -Yakima Dixie signed in as Vice-Chairperson – Rashel Reznor signed in as Secretary

1999 August 14 -

Duly called Regular Tribal Meeting. The Tribe is continuing to make progress on creating Personnel Policies, Financial Policies, Housing Ordinance and Tribal Logo.

1999 September 3 -

Tribe officially meets with CCA/BIA at Bureau Office in Sacramento, CA – BIA officials in attendance Dale Risling Superintendent - Doug Rollins Self Determination and Brian Golding Sr. Tribal Operations Spec.

1999 October -

Tribe sets up its IRS (Internal Revenue Service) TIN (Tax Identification Number) and EIN (Employee Identification Number). The Tribe also sets up its Tribal Bank Account. The Tribe was informed that the moratorium has ended and the funding will be released. Tribe appoints Screener Card Signers

1999 October 9 -

Sheep Ranch Tribe of Me-Wuk Indian Resolution entitled (Interim Operating Authority and Rights) which provides for the establishment of a General and Tribal Council forum of government and operating procedures for the Tribe.

1999 November 20 -

Resolution R-4-11-20-99 Tribe desires to change its name from Sheep Ranch Tribe of MeWuk Indians to California Valley Miwok Tribe. Resolution voted in favor.

Tribal Office is located at 1055 Winter Court – Tracy –California

Tribe buys office equipment and supplies. Tribe begins to development Financial Policies and procedures.

1999 November 24 -

(Unbeknown to the Tribe) – Yakima Dixie signs a casino deal with Bill Martin and Le Roi Chapelle. They met privately at Yakima’s house to make this deal.

1999 December -

Yakima Dixie complains to the Bureau of Indian Affairs that he did not resign as Chairperson back in April 1999

2000 January -

The Tribe continues to develop a draft Financial Management System – Tribal Policies and Procedures – Tribal Constitution - Tribal Ordinances – Tribal Logo – Enrollment Ordinance – and Housing Ordinance

2000 January -

The Tribe informs Yakima that he has thirty (30) days in which to bring his concerns of the leadership issue to the Tribe - As of the end of January 2000 Yakima failed to contact the Tribe.

2000 -

The ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) Program was implemented. The Tribe adopted its Fiscal Calendar Year – Elections Ordinance – Election Officers – P.L. 93-638 Contract

2000 February 4 -

Letter from the Superintendent BIA-Central California Agency to Vice-Chairperson Yakima Dixie – states that issues involving the leadership of the Tribe were internal matters to be resolved by the Tribe.

2000 February -

The CCA-BIA asks that Yakima be afforded another 30 days to bring his concerns to the Tribe – As

of March 16 2000 the extra 30 days passed with Yakima Dixie's failure to present any written – oral- or otherwise issues to the Tribe therefore the Tribe considers this matter closed.

2000 February -

Mr. Dixie is informed that he has missed several duly noticed meetings (without excuse) and that his continued failure to participate in these official meetings will be cause to have him removed from office.

2000 March -

Adoption and Ratification of the Constitution of the California Valley Miwok Tribe and an official request for a Secretarial Election to be called by the Secretary of the Interior for Ratification of the constitution.

2000 March 9 -

Letter from Superintendent BIA Central California Agency to Silvia Burley Chairperson. This letter confirms the receipts of the attached Tribal Council Resolution requesting a review of the Tribe's Constitution and the conducting of a Secretarial Election pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act.

The Indian Reorganization Act proscribes requirement for the review and approval of a Tribe's Constitution and the conduct of a Secretarial Election. Also requires the Secretarial Election to be conducted within 180 days.

2000 July 24 -

Letter from the Superintendent - BIA Central California Agency office to Silvia Burley Chairperson confirming the BIA'S recognition of Silvia Burley as Chairperson of the Tribe with Vice-Chairperson position as being vacant and Rashel Reznor as Secretary Treasurer of the Tribe.

2000 July 26 -

Letter from the Superintendent BIA- Central California Agency to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs introducing Silvia Burley as the recognized Chairperson of the Tribe and to confirm that she was an elected official of the Tribe.

2001 January 25 -

Letter from David Rapport Tribal Attorney – California Valley Miwok Tribe to the Superintendent BIA- Central California Agency informing the BIA that more than 300 days had passed since the Tribe made a request for a Secretarial Election and that the IRA required the conduct of an election within 180 days of a Tribe's request.

2001 February 22 -

Letter from the Superintendent BIA-Central California Agency to Silvia Burley Chairperson stating that the Tribe does not have any Tribal Trust Land – confirming that the Tribe is landless.

2001 June 7 -

Letter from Silvia Burley Chairperson to the BIA – CCA office requesting to withdraw the Tribe's request for a Secretarial Election after approximately 15 months had passed without the BIA taking any action on the Tribe's request for a Secretarial Election.

2001 June 7 -

Letter from the BIA Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs to Silvia Burley Chairperson approving Tribe name change from Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians to California Valley Miwok Tribe. The letter confirmed that the Tribe has a Tribal Council which can and does conduct business through resolution.

2001 July 16 -

Letter from Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to Silvia Burley Chairperson confirming the IRS's acknowledgement of the Tribe's name change.

2001 October 31 -

Letter from the Superintendent BIA-Central California Agency to Silvia Burley this time titled as "Interim" Chairperson. This letter states that the Tribe must comply with IRA and until the Secretarial Election process is completed the BIA will recognize the Tribal Government as "Interim". The letter neither provides nor cites any authority to call the Tribe's government interim or authority to require the Tribe to conduct a Secretarial Election under IRA.

2001 November 13 -

Letter from David Rapport Tribal Attorney to the Superintendent BIA Central California Agency challenging the BIA's October 31 2001 letter and outlining the Tribe's position that it does not have to organize pursuant to IRA and that the BIA has not authority to designate its government as "Interim". To date, the Tribe has not received a response to this letter.

2002 January 3 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe from Ben Nighthorse Campbell, U.S. Senator states "Since you are a resident of the State of California, I am forwarding your correspondence to Senator Barbara Boxer for further action."

2002 January 24 -

Order from the U.S. Federal District Court for the Eastern District of California dismissing a case brought by one Yakima Dixie against Chairperson Burley and other members of the Tribe regarding the Tribal leadership.

2002 March 4 -

Letter from Superintendent. BIA Central California Agency to Silvia Burley, this time entitled Chairperson, providing recommendations regarding the Aid-To-Tribal Governments programs. What

is of importance in this letter is paragraph two, which sets out the BIA Central California Agency Office's position on the Tribe's inherent sovereign authority. The Agency again recommends that the Tribe conduct a Secretarial Election, but provides no legal justification.

2002 April 9 -

Letter from Superintendent, BIA Central California Agency Office to Silvia Burley Chairperson stating that provision of the Tribes P.L. 638 Contract regarding the development of a tribal constitution pursuant to IRA would be deleted as a requirement until a legal opinion is provided regarding the requirement that the Tribe must comply with IRA. To date, no such opinion has been provided and the requirement relating to the Constitution has not been reinstated.

2002 July 10 -

Letter from Department of the Interior, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Workforce Diversity to Silvia Burley, Chairperson, regarding a former Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

2002 August 15 -

Letter addressed to Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe, from Ruben Barrales, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, The White House, Washington; states "On September 16-19 Secretary Gale Norton will host the National Summit on Emerging Tribal Economies in Phoenix, Arizona. Jennifer Farley, Deputy Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and I are following the progress of the preparation and we will be participating in the summit. Your participation is important, and we hope to see you there."

2003 January 8 -

Letter from BIA Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs to Silvia Burley, Chairperson outlining that the former Deputy Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs made a mistake in not knowing the Tribe by its new name and stating that her office was requesting information on the status of the Tribe of the Tribe's issues.

2003 January 30 -

"This document is for the "Extension of Time" that is needed in order to complete an existing "Joint –Venture Agreement" Please Note: All binding statements that are shown on the Joint-Venture Agreement between Yakima K. Dixie and his brother, Melvin L. Dixie, with William "Bill" Martin and Le Roi Chapelle, of ABI a Domestic Corporation, are also equally applicable to the agreement with Yakima K. Dixie and Melvin L. Dixie representing the Sheep Ranch (Rancheria) Miwok Band of California Indians, and William "B" Martin and Le Roi R. Chapelle, representing The Martin-Chapelle Group. The terms and conditions are the same and the extension of time is until July 4, 2006. Dated January 30, 2003 signed Yakima Dixie, Chief-Chairperson Sheep Ranch Rancheria Miwok Indian Band of California, Melvin L. Dixie, Tribal Member Sheep Ranch Rancheria Miwok Indian Band of California, William "Bill" Martin, President of The Martin-Chapelle Group, Mahattan, NYC, NY 10029 (no signature of Le Roi R. Chapelle, Secretary of the Martin-Chapelle

Group, Manhattan, NYC, NY 10029

2003 January 31 -

Letter from Superintendent BIA Central California Agency to Silvia Burley, Chairperson, granting the Tribe's request to remove Brian Golding Sr., as the Tribe's Tribal Operations Specialist at the BIA Central California Agency office. This is significant in that it was a Declaration made by Mr. Golding a year later that stated that Ms. Burley was not a recognized Chairperson despite the fact that he had not worked on issues involving the Tribe for over a year.

2003 January 31 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, Chairperson signed by Raymond Fry for Dale Risling, Sr., Superintendent CCA/BIA "The purpose of this correspondence is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 23, 2003, requesting that Carol Rogers-Davis, Tribal Operations Specialist, be assigned as the Tribal Operations Specialist serving the California Valley Miwok Tribe..... I grant your request."

2003 February 4 -

The California Valley Miwok Tribe registered the domain name californiavalleymiwoktribe-nsn.gov

2003 February 10 -

GSA confirms the nsn.gov domain name registration on the ".GOV Status Report."

2003 March 7 -

CVMT General Council Election of Officer – Anjelica Paulk is elected as Vice Chairperson, to a 6 year office term – next election for Vice Chairperson 2009

2003 April 7 -

Tribal Council voted and approved the updated Tribal Housing List

2003 April 7 -

Tribal Council voted and approved the updated Indian Artisan Representative Certification for Mildred Burley

2003 May 9 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, Chairperson regarding a fully executed copy of Modification No. Six (6) CTJ51T62802 (FY-02/04 Consolidated Tribal Government Program) is officially signed by Janice Whipple-Depina, BIA Awarding Official and Silvia Burley, Chairperson

2003 July 14 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, Chairperson regarding a fully executed copy of Modification No. Seven (7) for Contract No. CTJ51T62802 (FY-02/04 Consolidated Tribal Government Program) is officially signed by Janice Whipple-Depina, BIA Awarding Official and Silvia Burley, Chairperson

2003 September 10 -

ISDA (Indian Self-Determination Act) P.L. 93-638 Contract Modification No. Eight (8) CTJ51T62802 (FY-02/04 Consolidated Tribal Government Program) is officially signed by Janice Whipple-Depina, BIA Awarding Official and Silvia Burley, Chairperson

2003 On or about October 30 -

Yakima Dixie notified the Tribe of his filing of an Administrative Appeal in violation of 25 C.F.R. Part 2, to the Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior. In this Appeal, Mr. Dixie raised the same issues as were originally raised to the BIA at the December 28, 1999 meeting and in his legal action filed on January 18, 2001 and dismissed by the Court on January 24, 2002.

2003 November 24 -

Letter from Superintendent, BIA Central California Agency “ To Whom It May Concern” stating that the BIA recognized the Tribal Council of the California Valley Miwok Tribe as chaired by Silvia Burley. This letter was prepared in response to Mr. Dixie’s attempt to intervene in a case filed by the Tribe against the Federal Government relating to the termination and restoration of the Tribe.

2004 January 5 -

Letter from Superintendent, BIA Central California Agency to Silvia Burley, Chairperson granting the Tribe “Mature Status” under the P.L. 93-638 FY – 04 Mature Status – Consolidated Tribal Government Program.

2004 February 5 -

Letter from Anjelica Paulk, Vice Chairperson of the California Valley Miwok Tribe, to the Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, stating that the Tribe was establishing a tribal administrative forum and appointing an Administrative Hearing Office to address Mr. Dixie’s claims relating to the leadership of the Tribe.

Sworn Deposition Testimony of Mr. Dale Risling, Superintendent, BIA Central California Agency dated February 10, 2004. In his testimony, Mr. Risling states among other things that Silvia Burley is the recognized Chairperson of the California Valley Miwok Tribe. This document also illustrates numerous inconsistencies with regard to the treatment of the Tribe.

Sworn Deposition Testimony of Mr. Raymond Fry, Tribal Operations Officer, BIA Central California Agency Office dated February 10, 2004. In his testimony he also admits that the BIA recognizes Silvia Burley as Tribal Chairperson. Mr. Fry also admits that non-IRA can organize their governments as they see fit and that the BIA does not have the authority to review or approve the Constitutions of Non-IRA Tribes.

2004 February 11 -

Letter from Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe to Superintendent, BIA Central California

Agency acting on sworn testimony of Mr. Fry relating to providing Tribal Constitution to BIA for its records and not for review.

Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2004 dated March 2, 2004. The Act amends Section 16 of IRA by adding sections which provide that Tribes have inherent sovereign power to adopt governing documents outside the scope of IRA and that nothing in IRA invalidates any constitution or governing documents adopted by a Tribe after June 18, 1934. This document is absolutely critical in that it provides the statutory support for the Tribe's position.

2004 March 22 -

The Tribe's Administrative Hearing Officer, acting pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution R-1-02-04-2004, forwarded a notification of an Administrative Hearing in *Yakima K. Dixie v. California Valley Miwok Tribe*, Case No. CVMT – AH-2004-001 to Silvia Burley and Yakima Dixie relating to the issue raised by Yakima Dixie regarding the Tribal Chairmanship.

2004 March 26 -

Letter from Superintendent, BIA Central California Agency Office to Silvia Burley, Chairperson. This letter states that the Tribe is still recognized as unorganized because of membership and enrollment issues.

2004 April 21 -

Letter from Tribal Attorney to Superintendent, BIA Central California Agency Office relating to the BIA's position on the organization of tribal governments and the passage of the 2004 Amendment to IRA and requesting that the BIA provide full recognition to the Tribal Government.

2004 April 30 -

Chadd Everone had a telephone conference with Scott Keep, Assistant Solicitor, Branch of Tribal Government and Alaska Division, United States Department of the Interior. Mr. Everone asked Mr. Keep to write a letter to the California Gambling Control Commission to provide further proof to the California Gambling Control Commission of Yakima Dixie's "pending appeal." for the purpose causing the Commission to withhold further distributions to CVMT. Decl. Of Chadd Everone in Support of EX. Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order to Show Cause re Preliminary Injunction .

2004 May 13 -

Letter to Chairperson Burley from the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Central California Agency states "This correspondence shall serve as an official transmittal for the attached letter from the Central California Agency. This letter was originally sent to you by certified mail on March 31, 2004 and attempts were made to deliver this letter to your tribal address on April 01, 2004 and April 24, 2004.. Since this letter was not signed for on either delivery date it was subsequently returned to the Agency on May 04, 2004. The content of this letter is very important and as such I am put in a position to re-transmit this letter to you by regular mail service.

Signed by Eddie Dominguez for Dale Risling Sr., Superintendent

2004 May 20 -

Letter from the Assistant Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs, Branch of Tribal Governments and Alaska to the Deputy Director for Licensing and Compliance, California Gambling Control Commission stating that the Department of the Interior has an appeal of the tribal leadership pending when in actuality, that appeal was for the inaction of a BIA official for not assisting the individual in bringing an appeal. The Associate Solicitor also failed to explain that the appeal to the Assistant Secretary, violated 25 CFR Part 2.20 because the Appeal came directly to the Acting Assistant Secretary, instead of going to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals. In addition, neither the Assistant Secretary nor the Deputy Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs provided a notice of assumption of authority over this appeal by the regulations.

2004 June 19 -

Yakima Dixie was incarcerated at the Calaveras County Jail pending trial for weapons charges.

2004 June 28 -

Letter from the California Valley Miwok Tribe, Vice Chairperson/Enrollment Committee President to Acting Director, BIA Pacific Regional Office requesting information on individuals interested in enrolling in the Tribe.

2004 August 26 -

Letter from the Superintendent, BIA Central California Agency to Silvia Burley, Chairperson approving the Tribe's P.L. 93-638 Contract Modification for FY-04.

2004 September 20 -

Letter from the Tribal General Council to Chief Counsel California Gambling Control Commission outlining the Tribe's position regarding Mr. Dixie's attempt to interfere with the State's payment from its Revenue Sharing Trust Fund to the Tribe.

2004 September 3 -

Gary Qualset of the California Gambling Control Commission contacted the BIA through a letter to Dale Risling, Superintendent of the Central California Agency of the BIA. In his letter, Mr. Qualset stated that the commission was seeking to "confirm the address of the record" for the California Valley Miwok Tribe", and confirm "who the currently recognized tribal chairperson is according to the BIA".

2004 September 20 -

The Tribe's attorney, Phillip Thompson, sent a letter to Cyrus Rickards, Chief Counsel for the California Gambling Control Commission . Mr. Thompson emphasized the history of the BIA's recognition of Silvia Burley as the Tribal Chairperson. Mr. Thompson also pointed out that Yakima Dixie is currently incarcerated pending trial for multiple weapons charges, which could result in his being sentenced under California's Three Strikes Law.

2004 October 22 -

State of California Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declaration filed in opposition to Mr. Dixie's request for a Temporary Restraining Order on the California Gambling Control Board's distributions from the State Revenue Sharing Trust Fund to the California Valley Miwok Tribe. The court subsequently dismissed Mr. Dixie's action.

2004 October 30 -

Letter from the Tribal General Council to the Tribal Administrative Hearing Officer regarding the Tribe's position regarding the Administrative Appeal on the leadership issue involving the California Valley Miwok Tribe.

2004 November 16 -

Letter from Tribal General Council to BIA Special Assistant to the Director regarding the Tribe's position with regards to the issue of tribal organization and membership.

2005 February 11 -

Letter from the BIA Deputy Assistant Secretary to Yakima Dixie dismissing his appeal and reiterating the BIA's position that Silvia Burley is the recognized leader of the Tribe and that it's the BIA's position that the Tribe is unorganized. He also states that despite past BIA and Federal Court positions that the appropriate forum for deciding issues relating to tribal leadership is within the Tribe, that the BIA does not recognize the Tribe Administrative Hearing process.

2005 March 10 -

Letter from Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe to Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs responding to his February 11, 2005 letter.

2005 March 15 -

Letter from the Attorney handling the Tribal Enrollment process to the BIA Central California Agency responding to their request.

2005 May 4 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, Spokesperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe from Clay Gregory, Regional Director, Pacific Regional Office, Sacramento, California states "This letter is in response to your letter dated March 10, 2005, in which you requested to be removed from the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Central California Agency and be placed in the Northern California Agency of the BIA.... I have concluded not to approve your request."

2005 July 8 -

Letter addressed to Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe, from Ruben Barrales, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, The White House, Washington; states "Enclosed, please find a message from President Bush commemorating

the 35th Anniversary of President Nixon's message to Congress. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs serves as the President's liaison with Tribal Leaders. Jim Kelly, Nick Sinatra and I stand by ready to assist you with issues of importance to Indian Country.

2005 July 19 -

The United States Department of the Interior implemented Modification No. Fourteen to Contract No. CTJ51T62802, the Tribe's 638 contract. The Department implemented this modification without the Tribe's consent, and cited the February 11, 2005 letter of Michael D. Olsen as the reason for the modification.

The Tribe currently is governed by its Tribal Constitution along with its other governing documents which include, but are not limited to, its National Indian Gaming Commission approved Tribal Gaming Ordinance, BIA approved Tribal Revenue Distribution Procedures and Guidelines; Tribal Enrollment Ordinance; Tribal Election Ordinance; Tribal Finance Policies and Procedures; Tribal Property Management Policies and Procedures; Tribal Ethics Standards; and Tribal Dispute Resolution Committee/Grievance Board.

2005 August 4 -

Letter to Silvia Burley and Yakima Dixie /cc Peter Glick, from Cyrus J. Rickards, Chief Counsel, California Gambling Control Commission stating that "This is to notify you that the California Gambling Control Commission will not release the current RSTF quarterly distribution to the California Valley Miwok Tribe for the quarter ending June 30, 2005 and any subsequent distributions. – During the past year to 18 months, the Commission has made quarterly distributions and directed them to Ms. Burley, because she continued to be recognized as the Chairperson or person of authority within the Tribe with whom the BIA conducted business." – "Most recent action and position of the BIA regarding tribal leadership and organization leave us with no alternative, but to withhold funds until such time as there exists sufficient tribal government organization and leadership to allow the BIA to conduct government-to-government relations with the tribe – either through a recognized chair or representative."

2005 August 10 -

An official notice was mailed to Yakima K. Dixie of which he had 15 days to request a hearing on his proposed disenrollment, as provided in Chapter 8, Section 08.020 Disenrollment Procedure.

2005 August 12 -

The United States Department of the Interior sent a letter to the Tribe that states "This letter is to inform you that the Superintendent of the BIA Central California Agency, Troy Burdick, has today authorized me to inform you that the BIA Central California Agency has agreed to revoke the July 19, 2005 suspension of the current P.L. 93-638 contract between BIA and the California Valley Miwok Tribe."

2005 August 19 -

The United States Department of the Interior implemented a second modification that only partially revoked the July 19, 2005 modification, contrary to the Department's representation in their August 12, 2005 letter.

2005 August 24 -

The Commission informed the Tribe that they intended to reinstate the distribution to the Tribe in view of the August 19, 2005 letter, despite the letter's equivocation.

2005 August 29 -

The Commission informed the Tribe that it was once again suspending the distribution of RSTF funds to the Tribe. In their letter the Commission stated "In our letter of August 24, 2005, we indicated that it was our intention to make the RSTF distribution for the quarter ending June 30, 2005 to the California Valley Miwok Tribe (the Tribe). In the interim, however, we have had several conversations with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regarding their of Ms. Burley's status and have internally reviewed the matter, including all the correspondence attached to our August 4, 2005 letter. Based on this review we have determined that at this time, such distribution is inappropriate."

2005 August 30 -

Official Notice - Disenrollment of Yakima K. Dixie

2005 December 15 -

Letter to Ray Fry or Troy Burdick from Chadd Everone states "As I indicated, Velma Whitebear will be out of town and unable to attend, However, Antonia Lopez, secretary, whom you have met, will be there. In addition, I have asked Peter Melnicoe to accompany us. Peter is the former Chief Counsel for the Gambling Control Commission. He is the liaison for the tribe to the Commission and was largely responsible for obtaining the Interpleader."

2006 January 19 -

The United States District Court for the District of Columbia – The motion of Yakima Dixie to intervene is denied without prejudice. James Roberston, United States District Judge

2006 January 30 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe from Gary Qualset, Deputy Director, Compliance Division, California Gambling Control Commission, Re: Annual Notice of Eligibility Certification Procedure for Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Distribution.

2006 March 7 -

Election for Chairperson and Secretary Treasurer – Silvia Burley duly elected Chairperson for Six-Term and Rashel Reznor duly elected for Six-Year term as Secretary Treasurer.

2006 March 13 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe, from State of California

Governor's Office of Planning and Research states "the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is pleased to announce that it will be offering an SB 18 Tribal Consultant Training at the Merced Fish and Game Building in Merced, CA on Thursday, March 30, 2006."

2006 March 22 -

BIA Onsite Monitoring Visit held at the Tribal Office of the California Valley Miwok Tribe at 10601 Escondido Pl., Stockton, California 95212 – Mr. Stuart Mani, Senior Awarding Official, Midwest Regional Office

2006 July 19 -

Letter from the Office of the Governor, to Honorable Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe states "I am writing to invite you to a meeting with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and other tribal chairs of non-gaming tribe of California on Tuesday, August 1, 2006."

2006 September 14 -

Chadd Everone sends an email to Articlewriter "Today, I spent much of the day in Sacramento at the BIA on the issue of filing a Public Law 638 grant application. I met briefly with Troy Burdick who confirmed that Washington is in the process of circulating, among some 11 officials, a Directive about the recognition of authority. (This is what our D.C. attorney had discovered in a recent discussion with the Solicitor)." "For the 638 FOIA, I met with three individuals (e.g., two Tribal Operation Officers and the FOIA Officer). They went over all the filings and explained the forms and procedures for filing." As a side event, at about 9 a.m. Arlo Smith has arranged for a conference call between Melnicoe, a tribal consultant, and myself to discuss the overture which the consultant has made a tribe called Big Lagoon. That tribe has a reservation in the Redwoods and the Governor and Legislature are completely unwilling to allow a casino there." "Arlo Smith and Melnicoe have been thinking that if we could propose a federation between Big Lagoon and Sheep Ranch to develop two casinos in a very high traffic zone within the traditional territory of Sheep Ranch (i.e., Tracy area). Then the Governor might see that as a way of solving his dilemma with Big Lagoon in the Redwoods." "We might actually become the agents for two tribes instead of just one, in which case the stake-holders (lenders) interests could be amplified."

2006 September 15 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe, from Jim Eicher, Associate Field Manager, United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Folsom Field Office states "The Folsom Field Office (BLM) has prepared the Sierra Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

2006 September 29 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe, from Dean Shelton, Chairman, California Gambling Control Commission "the Commission is please to provide to you a copy of Regulation CGCC-7, Emergency Evacuation and Preparedness Plans which was adopted by the California Gambling Control Commission at its March 23, 2006 meeting and passed by the Tribal

State Association on March 28, 2006.

2006 October 4 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe from Christie Jacobs, Director, Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service Office of Indian Tribal Governments states “Dear Chairperson Burley, The Office of Indian Tribal Governments is responsible for the administration of federal tax laws as they relate to federally recognized Indian tribes and their entities. To assist in our efforts, we seek to partner with tribe to improve our operations to ensure that we effectively address federal tax issues while minimizing intrusion and burden..... suggestion on how we may better serve the federal tax administration needs of California Valley Miwok Tribe.

2006 November 2 -

Letter to Clay Gregory, Regional Director, Pacific Regional Office – Second Official Request to be removed from jurisdiction of the Central California Agency / BIA and be transferred to either the Northern BIA Agency/Southern Agency or to the Department of the Interior, Washington DC. – Jan Whipple-Depina has accepted a fictitious PL 93-638 Contract from Chadd Everone and Mr. Troy Burdick has been indicated as the official who advised Mr. Everone to submit a competing 638 contract on behalf of the Tribe although he has no authority to do so. In the seven years of contracting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, having a Government-To-Government relationship P.L. 93-638 Contract with Mature Status and “BIA mandatory” annual audits with no exceptions or findings, the Tribal Council is asking why is it that the Central California Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs is not asking or questioning why two (2) P.L. 93-638 Contracts have been submitted. The actions taken by the Bureau of Indian Affairs/ Central California Agency has demonstrated to us, beyond a doubt, that it is failing in its trust responsibilities and in its reckless manner, it is inflicting unconscionable abuses to our Tribal Government. The Tribe is filing a formal complaint against the Central California Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs for misconduct and is requesting that a formal investigation into questionable activities occur immediately.

2006 November 3 -

Letter to Congressman Richard Pombo from Chairperson Silvia Burley, California Valley Miwok Tribe requesting assistance to stop the persistence of criminals and conspirators that are currently trying to undermine our Tribal Government.

2006 November 6 -

A letter to Silvia Burley and Yakim Dixie c/o Chadd Everone from Troy Burdick, Superintendent, Central California Agency/Bureau of Indian Affairs states “The Agency, will publish a notice of a general council meeting of the Tribe to be sponsored by the BIA in newspapers within the Miwok region. This will initiate the reorganization process. The notice shall invite the members of the Tribe, and potential members to the meeting where the members will discuss the issues and needs confronting the Tribe..... The general council first needs to determine the type of government your tribe will adopt. Tribes do not always adopt constitutions, some govern according to the Tribes traditions or have some sort of power sharing in an open participatory type of government. We will proceed with this process, however, even if one or both of you declines to participate.

2006 November 7 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe from Kome Ajise, District 10 Director, Department of Transportation states “ Dear Chairperson Burley, Each November we observe National American Indian Heritage Month, in recognition of the unique contributions of this Nation’s first peoples, the American Indians and Alaska Natives. Attached is a copy of 2006 Proclamation by the President of the United States. November 2006 is also California Indian Heritage Month and recognizes the unique contributions that have been made by American Indians living American Indians living in this state. Currently, there are over 330,000 American Indians living in California, more than any other state.”

2006 November 8 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, California Valley Miwok Tribe from Janice Whipple-Depina, Awarding Official Central California Agency/ Bureau of Indian Affairs states “ This will serve as a follow-up regarding the onsite monitoring visit conducted on March 22, 2006 located at 10601 Escondido Pl., Stockton, California 95212 The following personnel were represented by the Central California Agency: Mr. Stuart Mani, Awarding Official – Midwest Regional Office; Ms. Carol Rogers-Davis, Tribal Operations Specialist; Ms Tia Sam, Tribal Operations Specialist and Ms. Tina Fourkiller, Indian Self-Determination Specialist. **The purpose of the review was to determine if the Tribe’s management system met the minimum standards as prescribed by 25 CFR Part 900, Subpart F. Based on Mr. Stuart Mani, Awarding Official’s review, it was determined that the management systems of the California Valley Miwok Tribe do meet or exceed the minimum standards as prescribed by 25 CFR Part 900, Subpart F. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the monitoring visit report.”**

2006 November 14 -

Fax to Tribal Leader from the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs re: Indian Trust Reform MTG LTR.pdf “Dear Tribal Leader, we are writing you to attend a meeting of Tribal leaders on November 16, 2006 to discuss proposals relating to S. 1439, the Indian Trust Reform Act of 2005.”

2006 November 18 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe from The United States Department of the Interior/ Bureau of Indian Affairs Pacific Regional Office, Sacramento, California states “Dear Tribal Leader; Enclosed is information regarding an upcoming National Fire Prevention Training Academy, hosted by the Colville Confederated Tribes in Washington State.”

2006 November 30 -

Letter to Silvia Burley 10601 Escondido Pl., Stockton, CA 95212 from Clay Gregory, Regional Director, Pacific Regional Office, states “This is regarding the Notice of Appeal dated November 10, 2006 filed pursuant to 25 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 2, from the decision dated January 6, 2006 of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Superintendent, Central California Agency

(Superintendent), which initiated the reorganization process of the California Valley Miwok Tribe, California (formerly the Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California).” “The Superintendent has indicated that the appeal was received at the Agency on November 13, 2006. Since your statement of reason was not filed with the appeal, in accordance with 25 CFR 2.10 (2) , your statement of reasons, including any other supporting documents not previously submitted, should be filed with the Superintendent on or before December 13, 2006.”

2006 December 1 -

Letter to Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe from Richard W. Pombo, Chairman, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Resources, Washington DC states” After reviewing the documents and information you provided through your representatives in Washington DC, my Committee staff in early October met with officials from the Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Interior. The Inspector General investigates allegations of waste, fraud and abuse concerning the Department and its employees. The documents were turned over to them.”

2006 December 5 -

Fax to Silvia Burley from United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, TIA Sam, Tribal Ops Specialist, Re: Sample ATTG Program Standards (Aid To Tribal Government).

2006 December 12 -

ANSWER OF INTERESTED PARTY IN OPPOSITION TO THE NOVEMBER 13, 2006 APPEAL OF SILVIA BURLEY - To Troy Burdick, Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central California Agency from Chadd Everone.

2006 December 13 -

Deadline to give Notice of Appeal and Statement of Reasons – Silvia Burley submitted via Fax and Certified Mail the California Valley Miwok Tribe Notice of Appeal and Statement of Reasons to Troy Burdick, Superintendent, Clay Gregory, Regional Director and interested parties.

2006 December 14 -

Letter to Silvia Burley 10601 Escondido Pl., Stockton, California 95212 from Troy Burdick, Superintendent, Central California Agency/ BIA states “ Dear Ms. Burley, Central Office has requested information related to changes in the base funding for Tribal Priority Allocation (TPA) program funding for FY-2008.”

2006 December 21 -

Letter from Eddie Dominguez, for Troy Burdick, Superintendent states “This acknowledges your Freedom of Information Act request dated December 8, 2006. We anticipate having the requested materials completed by January 16, 2007.”

2007 January 5 -

ISDA (Indian Self-Determination Act) P.L. 93-638 Contract Twenty-One (21) CTJ51T62802 is

officially signed by Silvia Burley, Chairperson

2007 January 8 -

ISDA (Indian Self-Determination Act) P.L. 93-638 Contract Twenty-One (21) CTJ51T62802 is officially signed by Janice Whipple-Depina, BIA Awarding Official

2007 January 16 -

Chairperson Silvia Burley phoned Angela Pittman, FOIA Coordinator to inquire confirmation on the FOIA being completed on January 16, 2007 as anticipated in the December 26, 2006 letter. Ms. Pittman stated that they needed more time to process the request and that a letter will go out in the mail tonight regarding an extension.

2007 January 17 -

Letter to Silvia Burley from Troy Burdick, Superintendent CCA/BIA acknowledging FOIA request dated December 8, 2006, and received on December 14, 2006. "Due to the need to search for, collect, and examine a voluminous amount of records, we are taking a 10-workday extension under the Department of the Interior's FOIA regulations (43 CFR 2.13 (a)) in order to properly process your request. We will send a final reply to you on or before January 30, 2007. If you have any questions concerning your request, please contact Angela Pittman, FOIA Coordinator."

2007 January 23 -

Letter to Troy Burdick, Superintendent CCA/BIA from Karla Bell, CVMT Enrollment Attorney regarding California Valley Miwok Tribe – Enrollment

2007 January 23 -

P638 Request for Payment/Draw-Down

2007 January 25 -

Letter to Honorable Dirk Kempthorne, Interior Secretary, CVMT Official Request for a Meeting.

2007 January 26 -

Regional Director's Response To Interested Party's Motion to Dismiss (Docket No. IBIA 06-70-A) Appellants CHADD EVERONE (a non Indian) and VELMA WHITEBEAR (is deemed not a member as stated (by the federal government) by the recognized Tribal Authority. "The Regional Director agrees with CVMT that the appellants lack standing under pertinent regulations because, as individuals, they are not authorized to appeal decisions about ISDA contracts. Moreover, they fail to satisfy the requirements of Article III standing. If the Board concludes that it should review appellants' claims under the exception to the mootness doctrine, it should dismiss their claims because they lack standing."